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November 20, 2006

President Lisa Borders and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Sam Bacote, III to serve as a member of the Fulton County/City of Atlanta Land Bank Authority for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is to **fill the unexpired term of Joel Alvarado, which expires 12/5/09.**

I am confident that Mr. Bacote will serve the Land Bank Authority with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

Samuel Bacote III

Samuel Bacote III heads the Atlanta office of Commerce Capital Access Program and Commerce Capital Markets, subsidiaries of Commerce Bank, (NA). These subsidiaries administer federally insured capital loans for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and investment banking services to local and state governments.

Mr. Bacote is President of the Board of Directors of Alternate Life Paths Program; a non-profit community based organization which administers programs for youthful offenders and homeless females. He is also a member of the Woodruff Park Advisory Board; member of the Board of Directors for the Sadie G. Mays Rehabilitation and Treatment Center; and, board member of the Collaborative Education Partnership between Atlanta Public Schools and Westminster Schools. In addition, he serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP and a board member of the Resource Opportunity Center for the homeless. Mr. Bacote is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta; Past President of the Metro-Atlanta Kiwanis Club; a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and Sigma Pi Phi Service Fraternity.

He is featured in a nationally aired PSA for the U.S. Peace Corps and he has been honored with several awards including being named one of the twelve Most Notable Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Business in the nation. In 2000, he was selected as a recipient of a Marshal Fellowship awarded for emerging American leadership.

Mr. Bacote, who holds the Series 7 and 63 SEC licenses, received the Master in Public Administration degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also holds the M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the B.A., cum laude in Economics from Morehouse College.

A native of Atlanta, Mr. Bacote has been a Big Brother for the last 6 years and he is the proud husband of Lisa Bacote and father of Jonathan Samuel Bacote.

Samuel Bacote III
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Professional

2003 - Present

Vice President
Commerce Capital Markets – Atlanta, GA

Responsible for providing investment banking services, including tax exempt bond underwriting, to government and institutional clients throughout the Southeast.

2003 - Present

Deputy Executive Director
Commerce Capital Access Program – Atlanta, GA

Responsible for administering a $375 million federally guaranteed capital loan program to Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the nation.

1995 - 2002

Senior Vice President
Jackson Securities Inc. – Atlanta, GA

Responsible for providing investment banking services, including tax exempt bond underwriting, to government and institutional clients throughout the Southeast.

1985 - 2001

Marketing Executive
International Business Machines – Washington, DC

Responsible for marketing efforts of IBM products and services to select federal accounts in the Washington DC area.

Education

1993 - 1995

Master in Public Administration
John F. Kennedy School
Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

1984 - 1986

Master in Business Administration
Kenaan Flagler Business School
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

1980 - 1984

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*
Morehouse College – Atlanta, GA